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## **Stampede Park gets Stampede Bark: Calgary Stampede introduces The Dog Bowl to the Midway**

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Calgary – The Calgary Stampede is excited to announce a new feature for the 2016 Calgary Stampede – The Dog Bowl. Guests will have an opportunity to witness impressive canine stunts as well as get up close and personal with the pups during daily meet and greets.

Set in an outdoor amphitheater in the heart of the Stampede Midway, the stunt dog show is presented by The Canine Stars and will feature freestyle frisbee disc, flyball racing, high jumping and dog agility. The show finishes off with the exhilarating dock diving act. Multiple breeds of dogs will steal the audience's hearts with their incredible skill and undeniable cuteness.

"We're excited to bring this new show to a large, outdoor venue," says Zach Adams, entertainment coordinator for the Calgary Stampede. "The bond these dogs have with their trainers is unbelievable, and seeing the stunts these dogs can pull off is truly amazing."

The Canine Stars, based out of Colorado, is comprised of dogs rescued or adopted from shelters. Keri Caraher and Ethan Wilhelm, the great leaders behind The Canine Stars, began training dogs back in 2001 and have placed in both National and World Champion events. Entering their fourth year after founding The Canine Stars in 2012, the duo continue to add to their team of trainers and hounds.

The Dog Bowl will feature six shows daily with room for more than 2,000 dog lovers per show. Daily shows are at 12:30 p.m., 2 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 5 p.m., 6:30 p.m., and 8 p.m. In addition, on Suncor Family Day and BMO Kids' Day, the first show will be at 10:30 a.m. Sneak-A-Peek on Thursday, July 7 will feature two shows at 6:30 p.m. and 8 p.m.

The Dog Bowl is free with Stampede Park admission and is expected to hit capacity daily. Seating is first-come, first-serve, so be sure to arrive early to get your desired spot.

This year's Stampede runs July 8 to 17, 2016. For more information, please visit [calgariystampede.com](http://calgariystampede.com).

### **About the Calgary Stampede**

The Calgary Stampede celebrates the people, the animals, the land, the traditions and the values that make up the unique spirit of the west. The Calgary Stampede contributes to the quality of life in Calgary and southern Alberta through our world-renowned Stampede, year-round facilities, western events and several youth and agriculture programs. Exemplifying the theme We're Greatest Together, we are a volunteer-supported, not-for-profit community organization that preserves and celebrates our western heritage, cultures and community spirit. All revenue is reinvested into Calgary Stampede programs and facilities.

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